

Job Title: Department Chair, Elementary and Special Education – Rank of Associate or Full Professor

School: Professional Studies at Providence College

Job Description: Providence College invites applications for a full-time, senior faculty member in Elementary or Special Education who can serve as Chair of the Department of Elementary/Special Education, in the School of Professional Studies. Ideal candidates will have demonstrated experience in creating a nurturing environment for aspiring teachers to become effective educators, attuned to the needs of today's students, and to embrace diversity within the classroom by implementing a culturally responsive teaching approach that supports learners' distinctiveness. This is an exciting opportunity for a senior faculty member (Associate or Full Professor) interested in transforming a well-established merged elementary special education program by placing equity, social/racial justice and school-based partnerships central to its curriculum, teaching practices, field experiences, and coursework. The successful candidate will have demonstrated educational/departmental leadership experience, success in teaching elementary or special education or related education areas, and accomplishments in scholarship and academic advising. The successful candidate will also have strong leadership skills, an asset-based orientation and a strengths-based approach to teaching and learning, and a desire to cultivate an elementary/special education program whereby contemporary, innovative evidence-based teaching and learning principles inform all aspects of the program.

The School of Professional Studies (SPS) equips future professionals to elevate the well-being of individuals and society. SPS is comprised of several Master in Education programs, three undergraduate departments and one undergraduate program with dynamic interdisciplinary faculty who are in the process of re-envisioning how best to prepare future leaders in elementary and special education, secondary education, social work and health policy and management for an increasingly diverse and complex society.

Providence College, a Roman Catholic, four-year, liberal arts institution conducted under the auspices of the Dominican Friars, seeks candidates who can affirm and contribute to its mission. Providence College believes that cultural and intellectual pluralism is essential to the excellence of its academic programs, and strives to foster an academic culture and campus community that attracts and supports the development of a stellar and diverse faculty reflecting the global environment in which we live and work. We seek to increase faculty diversity as our student body has grown increasingly diverse. A strong student-centered, cross-cultural, and integrative pedagogy is valued to support and mentor students from underrepresented groups. An affirmative action, equal opportunity employer, the College especially encourages applications from women and persons of color.

Essential Job Duties:

- Serve as Department Chair
- Teach education courses
- In collaboration with the Assistant Dean of Education, oversee the department's accreditation requirements
- Maintain active research program

Minimum and Preferred Requirements:

- Doctorate degree in Education or related field
- Demonstrated success in leading an academic department or other type of academic/research unit
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Experience with university service and/or community engagement and/or K-6 school-university partnerships
- Demonstrated success in teaching education courses
- Accomplishments in research and scholarship
- Accomplishments in academic advising

Visit <https://careers.providence.edu/> to apply for the position. Please prepare a cover letter that specifically addresses the essential job duties and preferred requirements, a current curriculum vita, transcripts, names and contact information of three reference providers, and two peer-reviewed publications. Questions about the position can be addressed to: Dr. Jennifer Swanberg, Dean of the School of Professional Studies.